GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
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Research and Development of New Medicines
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

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(a) the funds allocated for research and development of new medicines in the country during the last three years;

(b) the action taken to streamline the drug research activities in the country;

(c) whether the Government proposes to create a fund for promotion of research and development in the pharmaceutical sector for funding of projects for development of new medicines and make the country strong in medicinal research; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS; MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA).

(a) A total grant of Rs 15.60 crores has been released by Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) for the research in the area of pharmacology and medicinal plants during the last 3 years. This research provides leads for future development in the area for new medicines. Further, funds amounting to Rs. 5.88 crore were allocated for research and development of new medicines to National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research by the Department during the last three years.

(b) In order to streamline the drug research activities, ICMR has set up a Chair in Clinical Pharmacology. Further, Centers for Excellence are being set up by ICMR subject to financial allocations. A total number of 136 Projects were provided financial support by ICMR for research activity in area of pharmacology and medicinal plants.

(c) & (d) A proposal to set up a Venture Fund for promoting Pharma drug discovery and innovation is under consideration of the Department.

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